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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **MAIL STOP: AMENDMENT**  
Naoaki OGURE et al. : **Confirmation No. 7255**  
Serial No. 09/866,843 : **Docket No. 2001\_0686A**  
Filed May 30, 2001 : **Group Art Unit 1763**  
**COATING, MODIFICATION AND** : **Examiner G.A. GOUDREAU**  
**ETCHING OF SUBSTRATE SURFACE**  
**WITH PARTICLE BEAM IRRADIATION**  
**OF THE SAME**

**AMENDMENT**

THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED  
TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE  
FEES FOR THIS PAPER TO DEPOSIT  
ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed April 7, 2004, the time for responding thereto being extended for one month in accordance with a Petition for Extension submitted herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows: